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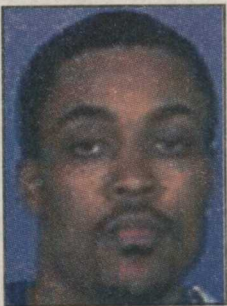
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**NEWS**



■ A 15-year-old freshman opened fire in a boy's bathroom in Santana High School near San Diego, Calif., killing two and injuring 13 people Monday morning. The boy was identified as Charles Andrew Williams. He will be charged as an adult with murder, assault with a deadly weapon and gun possession according to San Diego County District Attorney Paul Pfingst. Williams was described as a loner by fellow students and even hinted to others of his plans for the attack.

**SPORTS**



■ After more than four seasons, a wayward son has returned to the Portland Trailblazers. After being waived by the Washington Wizards Thursday, point guard Rod Strickland signed a \$2.25 million contract with the Blazers for the remainder of the season. The Blazers traded Strickland and Harvey Grant to Washington in 1996 for Mitchell Butler and now-superstar Rasheed Wallace.



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# Initiative studies border region

**By Eladio Jaimez**  
The Pan American

A group of researchers from Mexico and the United States embarked on a multi-year study to identify the prevalence of diabetes along the border region.

Called the US-Mexico Border Diabetes Initiative, the five-year collaborate effort's purpose is to determine the prevalence of diabetes along the US-Mexico border, and develop binational diabetes prevention and control

programs.

Executive director of the El Paso Diabetes Association, where the project initiated, Muriel Hall said the study will be executed in two phases.

"Our number one goal is to have a definite impact on the reduction of diabetes in the border region," Hall said.

She said the first stage of the initiative involves the testing of border region resident wishing to participate in the study.

Researchers will conduct door-to-door test-

ing and ask volunteers to complete surveys.

"We'll ask them to participate in several physical tests," Hall said. "Those individuals wishing to participate will do so."

Project organizers designed their own screening methodology hoping the results will be consistent.

"We didn't want to have different tests with different results," Hall said.

Implementation of programs for diabetes prevention will be the second phase of the ini-

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## Diabetes prominent among Mexican American culture

**By Ryan Zimmerman-Weaver**  
The Pan American

More than 16 million Americans have diabetes and a third of them don't even know it according to the American Diabetes Association.

"There is a much higher incidence of diabetes in the Hispanic and American Indian populations," said family practitioner and nursing professor Dr. Barbara Tucker.

Director of Student Health Services, Rick Gray said one out every four Hispanic persons have diabetes in the Rio Grande Valley.

The American Diabetes Association cites diabetes as the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. If left untreated, diabetes can lead to blindness, heart disease, kidney damage, or even death.

There are two different types of diabetes, type I and type II.

Type I diabetes, called juvenile onset diabetes, occurs most often in children

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### HEIGHT WEIGHT

feet/inches without shoes

pounds without clothing

4' 10"	129
4' 11"	133
5' 0"	138
5' 1"	143
5' 2"	147
5' 3"	152
5' 4"	157
5' 5"	162
5' 6"	167
5' 7"	172
5' 8"	177
5' 9"	182
5' 10"	188
5' 11"	193
6' 0"	199
6' 1"	204
6' 2"	210
6' 3"	216
6' 4"	221

If you weight the same or more than the amount listed for your height, you may be at risk for diabetes. This chart is based on a measure called the Body Mass Index (BMI). The chart shows unhealthy weight for men and women age 35 or older at the listed heights. At-risk weights are lower for individuals under age 35.

Source: American Diabetes Association  
Graphic by Ashley Books

### DIABETES TEST: ARE YOU AT HIGH RISK?

1. My weight is equal to or above that listed in the chart. Add 5 points.

2. I am under 65 years of age and I get little or not exercise during a usual day. Add 5 points.

3. I am between 45 and 64 years of age. Add 5 points.

4. I am 65 years old or older. Add 9 points.

5. I am a woman who has had a baby weighing more than nine pounds at birth. Add 1 point.

6. I have a sibling with diabetes. Add 1 point.

7. I have a parent with diabetes. Add 1 point.

Add your score.

If you scored 0-9 points, you are probably at a low risk for diabetes. But don't just forget about it, especially if you are African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian American or Pacific Islander.

Scoring 10 or more points, you are at a high risk for diabetes, but only a doctor can determine if you have diabetes.

## Following a nutritious diet helps lower risks

**By Ryan Zimmerman-Weaver**  
The Pan American

Family practitioner Dr. Barbara Tucker said Valley residents tend toward a diet high in fat and carbohydrates which leads to obesity.

"Obesity can lead to diabetes," Tucker said.

What are the basics of a nutritious diet? Nutrition means getting nutrients - protein, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, and minerals - from what you eat and drink. All of these factors are important parts of your diet, but fats and carbohydrates need to limited to maintain optimum health.

### Success with Food

If you are going to change your diet, don't put all the responsibility on yourself. Share the responsibility with your family, friends, and relatives. Also, try to seek the help of a registered dietitian or even your family doctor.

Try a nutrition assessment. Evaluate your habits by keeping a log of what you eat each day, even that candy bar you bought from the vending machine. All food

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## Skin condition may help detect diabetes early

**By Denise Ramirez-Garza**  
The Pan American

After seeing more cases of Type 2 diabetes, once an adult disease, in young children, the Acanthosis Nigricans: The Education and

Screening Project (ANTES) decided to educate young people. Dr. Paul Villas, executive director of Texas-Mexico Border Health Coordination, said "poor eating habits and lack of exercise" is a leading cause of diabetes.

The name comes from a skin condition caused by high insulin levels in the body.

The condition, called acanthosis nigricans associates with Type 2 diabetes. It commonly appears as a dark, dirty looking area around

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# Opinion

letters ■ editorials

## Letters to the Editor

### Student gives 'personal view' on descrination, racism and prejudices

Dear Editor,

Discrimination, racism, and prejudices are different and should stay in their own realm. Noemi Martinez wrote you about having students 'RAGE' against 'discrimination on campus'. My personal view on this is that a statement like this is not what we want voiced today or tomorrow on our campus. Rage is never the answer to any question whether it is in your mind or outspoken. The student sounds like she is self conscious about her identity.

In the world today no one can go anywhere without someone making a judgment against us. This will not be the last time this student will hear negative comments about a certain race, whether it is one on one or in a group. I would like to know if the student was the only one in the class that took the professor's comments this way? The student makes the comment, "am I playing into a minority role?" Mexican Americans are a minority in most of the US, and it will be this way for a while. In the Valley, Anglo, African Americans, and Asian Americans are the minority because of the vast growth of Mexicans here.

If this student went to Utah or any of the north western states she would maybe get twice as much negative comments about her race and other personal things. This is my opinion and not fact.

"Where is everyone's anger?", is the next bad question this student poses. Why is anger even involved in this topic? Anger is usually kindled by ignorance to the topic of inept understanding.

"Ask for more minority professors." I would much rather have a great professor of any race than trying to start a bash about "we need more professors of my color." If we can't learn with a professor of another color than our own, then how could a professor of the same color as a student help?

The last input I have is why jeopardize your future and others because you don't agree with

something that a professor says? This thinking is ludicrous. There are many alternatives than walking out or creating 'RAGE'.

First, why not ask the professor to not make comments like he or she did that day because it offends you. Second, ask the professor if you can switch classes with another professor before the deadline, if possible. Third, drop the class and retake it the next semester. Fourth, report the professor to the appropriate people on campus if the other options do not work.

Remember that the professor, usually, will have to of made negative comments more than once in one class. We only have to be in that certain class for 4 months and maybe 2 to 3 days a week for 1 to 2 hours those days. If we cannot handle the comments for this short period of time then make your move smartly. Don't attack the person, but the words that were said.

This student probably does not know this professor and could hurt he or she more than what is needed. So choose your words wisely. Our education is the best tool to get ahead and make a difference in the present and future. Don't ruin your chances of an education because of 1 person, at 1 university campus in 1 state. 'RAGE' is not the answer and never is, especially to a very sensitive topic as this one.

For all of the professors that I have taken classes from and am now taking classes from, most have used foul language during lectures. This to me is an insult and not appropriate. I did nothing like the tips that I suggested because even though it did offend me, I knew that it is part of life to learn how to tune out certain things we hear or choose to participate in.

Only you as an individual know when to draw the line on things such as discrimination and foul language. But please don't tell people to 'RAGE' or protest for it.

Blake Daniels

■ Thumbs up to Philosopher Dave.

■ Thumbs up to running into old friends.

■ Thumbs up to "a. nice day for a white wedding

■ Thumbs up to file sharing . . . while you still can.

■ Thumbs up to the Foo Fighters.

■ Thumbs up to having the power of Greyskull.

■ Thumbs up to having a week off from school.

■ Thumbs up to cool neighbors.



■ Thumbs down to reckless drivers.

■ Thumbs down to fluctuating gas prices.

■ Thumbs down to limited file sharing.

■ Thumbs down to conversion interrupters.

■ Thumbs down to over-priced concert tickets.

■ Thumbs down to when the cable goes out.

■ Thumbs down to nacho cheese Cornuts breathe.

■ Thumbs down to speed traps.

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**How should Robert Philip Hanssen be punished for spying?**

—Irene Trevino

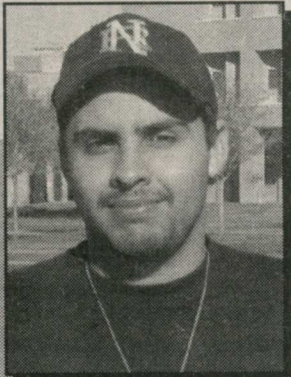


**Jesse Martinez**  
English  
Sophomore

**I think he should be given life in prison. Nobody deserves to die.**

**Would you betray the U.S. for the right amount of money?**  
**No.**

**Raymundo Monreal**  
Spanish  
Junior



**I think he should be given a mandatory life sentence.**

**Would you betray the U.S. for the right amount of money?**  
**I think not.**



**Anabel Salinas**  
Mechanical Engineering  
Junior

**He should be put in jail until right before he dies.**

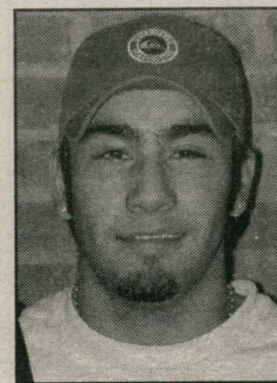
**Would you betray the U.S. for the right amount of money?**  
**Depends on the level of betrayal.**

**Raul Cortina**  
International Business  
Senior



**He should serve life in jail. It's worse than death.**

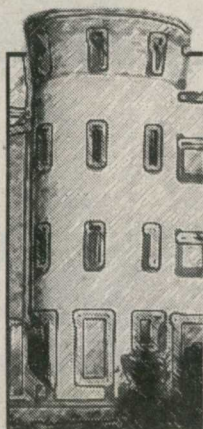
**Would you betray the U.S. for the right amount of money?**  
**Not if it cost lives.**



**Josh Morales**  
Bio-Medical Engineering  
Sophomore

**I think that he should be given the death penalty.**

**Would you betray the U.S. for the right amount of money?**  
**No...wait...yes.**



# Campus

news briefs

## UTPA joins University Council for Education Administration

### Special to The Pan American

The UTPA Educational Leadership Doctoral Program received a tremendous boost Thursday, March 1 by becoming a part of the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) through The University of Texas at Austin.

The formal agreement was signed by UTPA President Dr. Miguel A. Nevárez, Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo, provost/vice president for Academic Affairs; Dr. Michelle Young, UCEA executive director; and Dr. Maricela Oliva, director of the UTPA Educational Leadership Doctoral Program.

"One of this institution's overarching goals is to not only produce the most teachers but also the best prepared," Nevárez said.

"Along with that goal is an emphasis on producing the administrators, principals, superintendents and even post-secondary administrators that will support good teaching. Another goal is to become the regional research university for South Texas, so UTPA and the UCEA share mutual goals of inclusiveness, research, educational leadership and teacher preparation."

Arévalo agreed, adding the partnership will benefit both UTPA faculty and students.

"I think the signing of this agreement is simply an indication that other research granting institutions value the product that we have at UTPA, and the relationship that will be established with UCEA will provide an opportunity not only for our faculty but also our students to be more engaged in research projects," Arévalo said.

"UCEA has a number of goals that include research, program improvement and the dissemination of knowledge to impact policy and practice," he continued. "The activities that we do to fulfill those goals include graduate student seminars, junior faculty seminars, research publication outlets, regional meetings, and national conventions."

In its 45th year, the UCEA is a consortium of nearly 60 major research universities in the United States and Canada. Its missions are to improve the preparation of educational leaders and promote the development of professional knowledge in school improvement and administration.

"As members of the UCEA, UTPA will be able to access

resources that they didn't have access to before," said Young, who also gave a Wednesday night public lecture on educational leadership preparation.

The UTPA doctor of education (EdD) prepares participants for leadership careers in education. It was offered at the University as a cooperative program with UT Austin beginning in 1993, and the first three graduates of the cooperative program received degrees in December 1996.

It has been offered as a stand-alone program since 1998, with degrees being granted by UTPA.

"From the perspective of the doctoral program, I think our much closer engagement with Research I programs across the country at places like Ohio State, the University of North Carolina and UT Austin will make it possible for our doctoral program to mature a lot more quickly," Oliva said. "I think it will benefit our program, region and students here."

Every two years, a cohort of about 14 people is admitted, with students taking classes together. The next cohort is being selected this spring to begin fall classes.

## ■ Protecting Yourself In Dating Situations

### Tip #1:

Learn about someone's attitude towards men/women before you go out with him/her.

### Tip #2:

Express yourself clearly. Do not worry about "insulting" him or her; your safety is more important. Make your limits clear before you get into a potentially compromising situation.

### Tip #3:

Avoid secluded places such as parks or deserted areas. Suggest meeting in public

places where help will be nearby if needed.

### Tip #4:

Arrange your own transportation, especially if you do not know him or her well. Drive, use public transportation or go out with a group or another couple.

### Tip #5:

Be careful with alcohol and drugs. They can cloud judgement and slow responses. Be aware of your date's use of alcohol or other drugs.



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tiative.

"We'll take the results of the prevalent study and work to identify appropriate intervention," Hall said. "We'll educate people about the disease, and show people how to manage or change their manner of managing diabetes. We want to develop some kind of system of support."

Hall said the initiative was in the planning stage for four years and is glad it is finally under way.

"We understand the importance of having border studies and information on the subject at hand," Hall said.

Hall said the rate of diabetes is increasing drastically in the state and nationally which is one reason this initiative was launched.

"There has been a 72 percent increase in type II diabetes among the 30-40 year olds," Hall said. "The prevalence level is increasing at a frightening level."

The effort involves ten states on both sides of the border from California to the Rio Grande Valley. Four on the US side (Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas), and six from Mexico (Baja California, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, Sonora and Tamaulipas.)

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when the body does not produce insulin at all. Insulin is a hormone produced by the beta cells in the pancreas. Insulin acts as a "garage-door opener" for the cell wall, allowing carbohydrates (starches, sugars, and fats) into the cell to be used as energy.

"[Scientists believe] type I diabetes is due to the body's reaction from a virus, an autoimmune reaction, or fear it may be hereditary," Tucker explained.

Gray said some diabetes patients get sick as a child.

"Their body triggers a negative response by no longer producing insulin," Gray said.

Poor eating habits and lack of regular exercise have lead to an increase in children with type I diabetes, according to Diana Ramirez, District Coordinator for the

American Diabetes Association.

Type I diabetes is often referred to as "insulin-dependant diabetes" because it can be controlled with daily injections of synthetic insulin. Type II diabetes does not need to be regulated with insulin injections, hence the nickname "non-insulin dependant."

"We commonly associate type II diabetes with older folks," Gray said. "[There is a theory] that the body only produces so much insulin and the insulin eventually runs out as we get older."

Type II diabetes can be controlled with regulated diet, oral medications, and exercise.

"If the sugars add up in your body and aren't utilized, the body will waste away and go into a coma," Tucker said.

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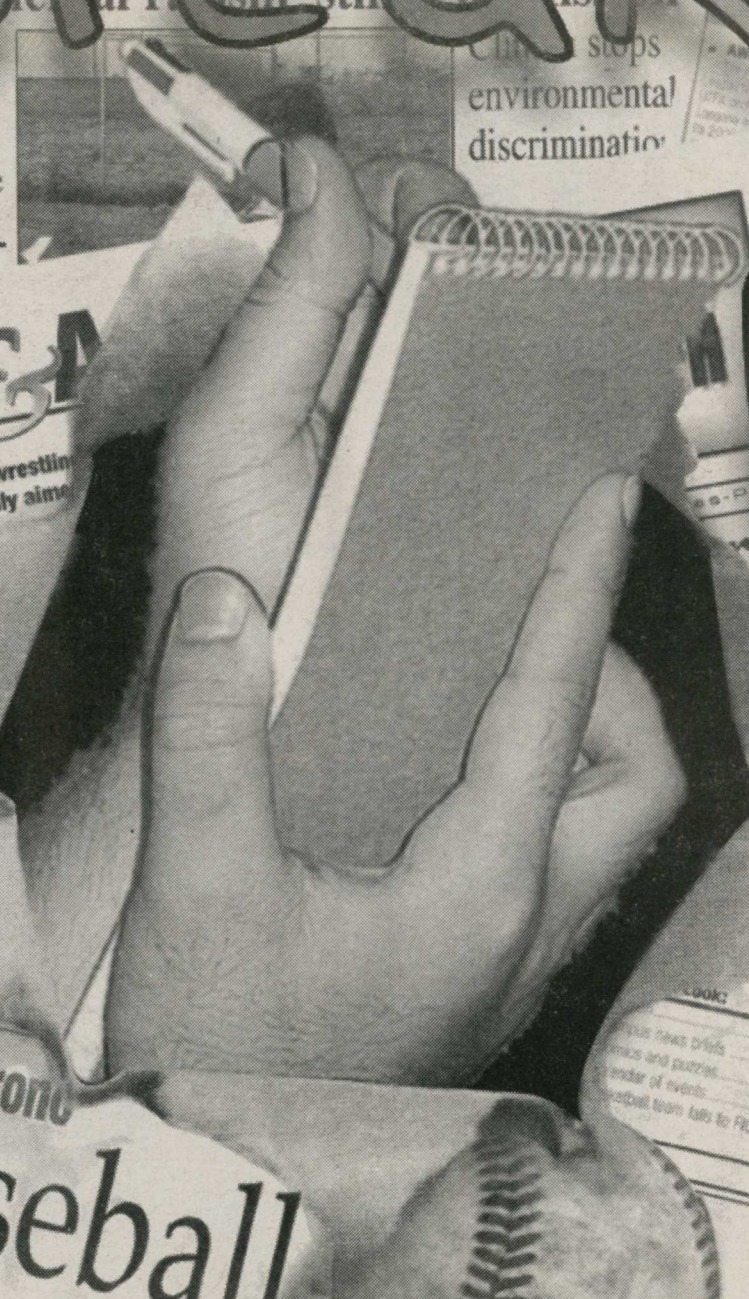
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**Ryan R. Henry**

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*"Los Arrieros" continues the centuries-old tradition of Mariachi style music. Although the origin of the word is disputed, its purpose and meaning breaks cultural barriers around the world.*

**By Pedro Torres**  
Special to the Pan American

The sound of the music inside the nightclub is so loud that it is virtually impossible to start a conversation. Not too far from the six-foot speakers, Saul Hernandez brings his violin closer to his ear and tunes it with ease, as if the place were as quiet as a deserted alley.

Hernandez's ability is the result of years of practicing various Mariachi instruments like the guitar, the *vihuela* (a mandolin-type guitar) and the trumpet.

"You educate your ear to focus on certain sounds and musical notes. It eventually becomes natural," he said.

Hernandez is the director of the Mariachi "Los Arrieros," a seven-member group that plays various gigs throughout the Valley. Their particular style of music is heard in many places.

"On Saturday we can perform at a nightclub or at a wedding, only to wake up the next morning and perform during Mass at the Virgen de San Juan shrine," trumpet player Miguel Ornelas said.

And whether their audience is full of rowdy club-goers or numerous families attending Sunday Mass, they dedicate many hours rehearsing their songs, aiming to please whoever is in attendance.

At the "Yacht Club" in McAllen, as he DJ fades a merengue tune, Hernandez gives the rest of "Arrieros" the signal to take center-stage. The moment of truth is just seconds away. He knows the crowd they are about to entertain is not a music teacher itching to critique a performance.

According to Hernandez, going from classroom rehearsals to pleasing a paying crowd is not easy.

"Every crowd is different, and they are not always easy to please." Lucky for them, the crowd is more than happy with their performance.

"I'm always here on Tuesdays

because I enjoy hearing them sing and play," said Patty Arreola, a regular at the club. "And when it's time for the *aficionados* to sing along, you have to give them [the Mariachi members] credit for tagging along to some of the voices." Arreola refers to those clients who

wish to show off their singing aptitudes by asking the Mariachi to accompany with their instruments the not-always-tuned voices.

"You just have to give them lots of credit and, in some cases, ask for a miracle because in some cases the *aficionado* is so off-tune," Mariachi guitarist Gabriel Loera said. "No matter how bad they sing, you cannot give them the 'ax.'"

Unfortunately, that is something that has to be done sometimes.

As the director, Hernandez has to decide which members would stay and which would no longer perform.

"This is the part of my job that I dislike. Especially because I've known most of them [the group members] since high school; it's not easy telling your pal that his performance doesn't cut it," he said.

But Hernandez knows that is a duty bestowed upon him and that a Mariachi represents and entire culture.

"The only thing more Mexican than Tequila is Mariachi," said Jose Martinez, a local songwriter and producer who has worked closely with such groups. "Mariachi goes beyond music, it's the sum of a cultural revolution, expressed through a group of musicians dressed in popular *charro* suits which encompasses the essence of Mexico and its people," Martinez said.

Although most people know what Mariachi represents, the origin of the word remains a mystery.

**T**he only thing more Mexican than Tequila is Mariachi. Mariachi goes beyond music, it's the sum of a cultural revolution, expressed through a group of musicians dressed in popular 'charro' suits which encompasses the essence of Mexico and its people.

— Jose Martinez  
Local songwriter and producer

On theory suggests that the word derives from the French wedding because music plays events. It might not be since the word is in Mexico. Mariachi already exists in regions.

Another word comes from the noun to create.

The tradition with certain origins with a global only in the world. The performance and Mariachi be over.

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## Campus Calendar

# March

**Tuesday, March 6** The 28th Annual UTPA Career Day will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the UTPA Fieldhouse. Over 100 companies, corporations, health industry organizations, state/federal government agencies and schools/universities will be recruiting students for part-time, internships and permanent employment positions. Admission is free for anyone interested.

**Thursday, March 8** Dr. Leonel Vela, dean of the Regional Academic Health Center, will be the keynote speaker at the annual International Conference on Health Issues at UTPA. The one-day conference costs \$75 and will take place in the International Trade and Technology Building. There will also be a noon luncheon with Vela at the University Ballroom for \$20.

**Thursday, March 8** World headquarters and local Ford representatives will discuss local internship opportunities at the Ford Motor Company Information Session. All majors are welcome. Free food and goodies will be given away. The session begins at noon in the Student Union Theater and runs until 1:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 8** "New Faces," a group art exhibition by James Dutremaine, Dindy Reich, Rolando Reyna and Charles Wissinger, opens March 8 in the University Gallery in the

Communications Arts and Sciences Building. The exhibition runs through April 2 with a reception for the artists on March 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission to the gallery is free.

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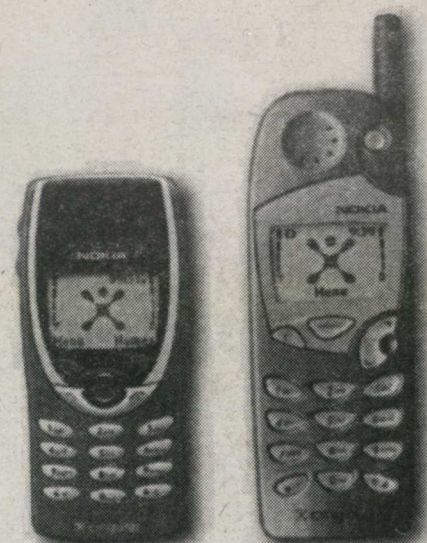
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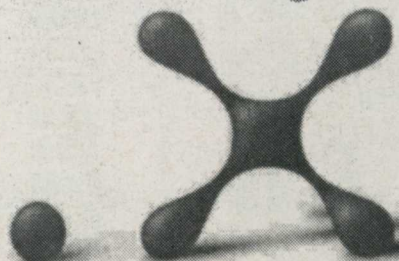
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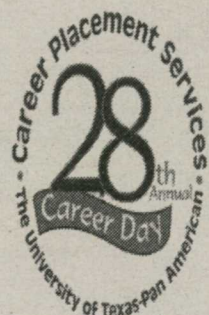
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The American Diabetes Association Guide to Healthy Restaurant Eating lists some restaurant chains that are actually healthful to eat at. For more information on local restaurants and food chains on the list, see the American Diabetes Association Web site at [diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org).

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Information on diabetes prevention obtained from the American Diabetes Association.

## CONDITION

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# Chatman named newcomer of the year

## Special to the Pan American

Junior Mire Chatman was named Newcomer of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in Independent Men's Basketball Awards announced Friday.

Chatman, a guard from Garland, garnered both the Newcomer of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year awards for his play this season for UTPA.

Chatman averaged 18 points per game, 4.3 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 2.8 steals per game for the Broncs. His 2.8 steals per game currently ranks 10th in the NCAA. He was a deadly shooter from anywhere on the court, hitting 53.6 percent of his shots from the floor, 43.5 percent of his shots from three-point range and 70.5 percent of his free throws.

Chatman edged out Stony Brook's Leon Brisport and Belmont's Adam Sonn for the Newcomer of the Year honor. He edged Brisport by one vote and Sonn by two.

Michael Hicks was also named

Player of the Year, Nick Macarchuk was named Coach of the Year.

Hicks, who also was the 1999-2000 Independent Player of the Year, received eight of the 10 first place votes to outdistance Centenary's Ronnie McCollum. Hicks averaged 26.3 points, 7 rebounds, 2.5 assists and two steals per game for the Islanders this season. TAMUCC finished its second season as a provisional Division I school with a 14-14 record. McCollum finished second in the voting, while UTPA's Brian Merriweather and Belmont's Wes Burtner tied for third.

Macarchuk led Stony Brook to the third best turnaround in the NCAA this season, as the Seawolves went 17-11 this year after posting a 6-23 record during the 1999-00 season.

Macarchuk edged out UTPA's Bob Hoffman, who led the Broncs to 12 wins in his second year in Edinburg.

Hicks was one of five players named first-team All-Independent. Burtner, Brisport,



-Arnulfo Moreno

## Bronc Guard Mire Chatman attempts to get open for a pass earlier this season.

McCollum and Merriweather were also named to the first team.

Burtner, Hicks, McCollum and Brian Merriweather were all first team All-Independent selections

last season as well.

Chatman led three Broncs on the second team. John Braxton and Kwasinda Curtis joined Chatman on the second team for UTPA.

Also earning second team honors were E.J. Gallup of Albany and Sonn of Belmont.

The awards were selected by a vote of independent coaches and sports information directors.

## Slaughter leads men's golf team to 4th place

### Sports Information

Junior Stephen Slaughter placed 12th overall, leading the UTPA Broncs to a fourth place finish at the Pizza Hut/Bell South Men's Golf Tournament, held at the Lake Caroline Country Club in Jacksonville, Miss. Tuesday.

Slaughter, a junior from Fort Worth, shot a final round 75 after firing a first round 72 to tie for 12th place overall. He finished six strokes out of first place. Just two strokes behind Slaughter was Santiago DeLarrea, who tied for 18th place with a two-round total of 149. Sophomore Todd Grubert finished in a tie for 23rd place with a two-round total of 150. Freshman Rudy Celedon tied for 34th with a 155 and Ben Piper finished 40th with a 157.

Andy McRae of Samford took



Stephen Slaughter

medallist honors at the event, firing a three-under par 141 to edge Bryan Johnson of Southeast Missouri State and Christopher Ohrn of Nicholls State by one

stroke. Seth Mobley of Samford finished fourth. In the team standings Nicholls State edged out Samford by one stroke to take the tournament title. Nicholls State finished with a four-over par total of 580. Southeast Missouri State finished third

with a 592. UTPA and IUPUI tied for fourth with two-round totals of 600.

The Broncs next tee it up March 12-13 at the Bob Brown Sportscare Classic in New Orleans, La.

### Slaughter-Tournament results

1. 38th place-Udamon SW Classic
2. 12th place-Hal Sutton IC

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### BASEBALL

#### University of Texas-Austin

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March 4 - UT d. Wisconsin-Milwaukee 10-4  
Winning Pitcher: A. Montes (4-0)

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Feb. 28 - UT-San Antonio d. UT-Pan American 5-2  
Winning Pitcher: John Marc Wilcox (1-1)



# Lady Broncs earn first place at Border Olympics

## Sports Information

Shari Galvin and Quanta Bivens picked up individual titles and seven other Lady Broncs placed as the UTPA women's track and field team took first place at the Border Olympics Saturday.

Galvin, a junior from McAllen, won the 400-meter dash in a time of 60.17. She followed that up with a second-place showing in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.69. Galvin also helped lead the women's 4x100 meter relay team to a first place showing with a time of 50.27.

Bivens, a junior from Clute, Texas, won the discus with a throw of 128-feet-4-inches. She edged out teammate Amy Moses, who took second with a toss of 120 feet. Bivens finished strong in the javelin as well, taking second place with a throw of 86-feet-11-inches. Moses placed third in the shot put with a throw of 36-1 1/2.

Valerie Summa showed her versatility by placing in three

events. She took third in the long jump with a leap of 15-5 1/2, and placed second in the high jump with a jump of 5-feet-4-inches. She placed second in the triple jump as well. Christian Cabello took third in the high jump with a height of 5-feet-2-inches. She also placed in the long jump with a distance of 14-feet-10-inches.

For the Lady Bronc distance corps, Perla Handy and April Hipolito had strong days. Handy, a senior from LaPorte, finished third in the 1,500-meter with a time of 5:01.30. Freshman April Hipolito took fourth place with a 5:07.38. Handy then came back to take second in the 3,000-meter with a 10:34.00, while Hipolito was third with a time of 10:52.40.

The Lady Broncs ran away from the field, scoring 155 points. The Islander track and field Club took second place with a total of 87.

On the men's side, the Broncs took fourth place overall in the team standings, led by strong

performances from in the field events. Michael Sperry led the way with a first place showing in the pole vault. He started off the 2001 track and field season with a strong height of 14-feet-6-inches. Rashaad Ben had a strong day with a second-place finish in the triple jump with a distance of 41-7 1/2, and a fourth place finish in the long jump with a 19-10 1/2. Robert Lopez took third in the discus with a throw of 147-feet-4-inches. J.C. Crosby finished third in the shot put with a toss of 46-3 1/2.

"This was a great meet for our program," said head track coach Dan Laufer.

"On the women's side we had only 12 athletes compete. We had so many great performances that it's hard to single one out. This meet highlights some of the tremendous strides we have made this year as a program."

The track and field teams return to action when they host the Angela Proctor Invitational March 17th in Edinburg.



Junior Lady Bronc Shari Galvin won the 400-meter dash in a time of 60.17 at the Border Olympics at Laredo.

\*Sports Information

## Sports Calendar

March 6

### Tennis



3/6 Laredo Community College Edinburg 3 & 4 p.m.

**Notes:** Both men's and women's team will compete today. The Lady Broncs take the court at 3 p.m. and the Broncs play at 4 p.m.

March 8

### Baseball



3/8 vs. Troy State Jody Ramsey 7 p.m.

**Notes:** UTPA will host a tournament that includes opponents such as Troy State and Penn State.

March 10

### Men's Golf



3/10-13 Bob Brown Sportscore Classic New Orleans, La

**Notes:** After finishing 14th in their first tournament, the Broncs tied for 4th place at the Pizza Hut Intercollegiate.

March 15

### Women's Golf



3/15-16 Northern Illinois Snowbird Tampa, Fla.

**Notes:** The Lady Broncs try to continue improving after finishing 7th and 9th, respectively, in their last tournaments.

March 17

### Track and Field



3/17 Angela Proctor Invitational Edinburg

**Notes:** The Broncs are hosting their first invitational of the spring season.

## Baseball team drops two games against TCU

### Sports Information

Texas Christian scored seven runs in the second inning and held off a late rally by UTPA for a 9-5 win in game of a baseball doubleheader Sunday afternoon at the TCU Baseball Diamond.

The game was scoreless going into the bottom of the second inning. With one out Eric Macha reached on an error by Marvin Manns. The

Horned Frogs then had the next nine batters in a row reach base on five hits, three walks and one hit batsman to take the 7-0 lead. The big hit was a bases loaded triple by Ramon Moses.

The Broncs tried to mount a late comeback, scoring two runs in the fourth, two runs in the sixth and one in the ninth. But the Frogs held on for the four-run win.

For the Horned Frogs

improved to 10-6 with the win, while the Broncs fell to 1-16 with the loss. Chris Bradshaw picked up the win for TCU, going five innings, allowing four runs on six hits and four walks. He struck out eight batters in improving to 4-1 on the season. Justin Dowd took the loss, falling to 0-4.

Darren Heinrichs hit his second home run of the season to lead the way for UTPA on offense.

## Game 2

The Broncs were dealt their 17 loss of the season, in a 21-2 loss to Texas Christian University.

The Broncs sent out five different pitchers to stop the Horned Frogs, who had 14 players with

at least a run.

TCU combined for 18 hits while UTPA had five.

The Broncs were down, 0-1 in the first inning before TCU, scored at least two runs in each of their five

innings. UTPA had their first score in the third inning and scored again in the fifth.

The Broncs return home and host a tournament on March 8, that features Troy State and Penn State.



# Broncs blank St. Mary's, go 2-0 over weekend

**By Matt Lynch**  
The Pan American

The UTPA men's and women's tennis teams faced the same opponents over the weekend, but failed to reach the same outcome.

The Broncs went 2-0 over the weekend by edging Incarnate Word 5-4 and pounding St. Mary's 6-0 Saturday and Sunday in San Antonio.

"The men played just well enough to win their first match," said head tennis coach Scott Howard.

"But we were able to finish up strong by beating St. Mary's pretty easily."

With a number of Broncs giving sub-par performances due to mid-winter colds, UTPA needed last-minute heroics to beat the Incarnate Word Crusaders Saturday. The final match of the day, played by senior Juan Saiz, decided the competition. As the rest of the Broncs watched and

cheered for their teammate, Saiz pulled off a dramatic 2-6, 6-3, 10-8 victory to earn the Broncs the win.

"His teammates cheered him on pretty well and helped pull him through that match," Howard said.

Mother Nature dealt the Lady Broncs another defeat, raining out Sunday's competition against St. Mary's.

"Incarnate Word beat us pretty handily," Howard said. "They took it to us because they played well and we played badly."

The Lady Broncs don't have much time to dwell on the loss, though.

Both the Broncs and Lady Broncs face Laredo Community College today on their home courts. Howard feels LCC will challenge both his squads and both matches will be close.

## MEN'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

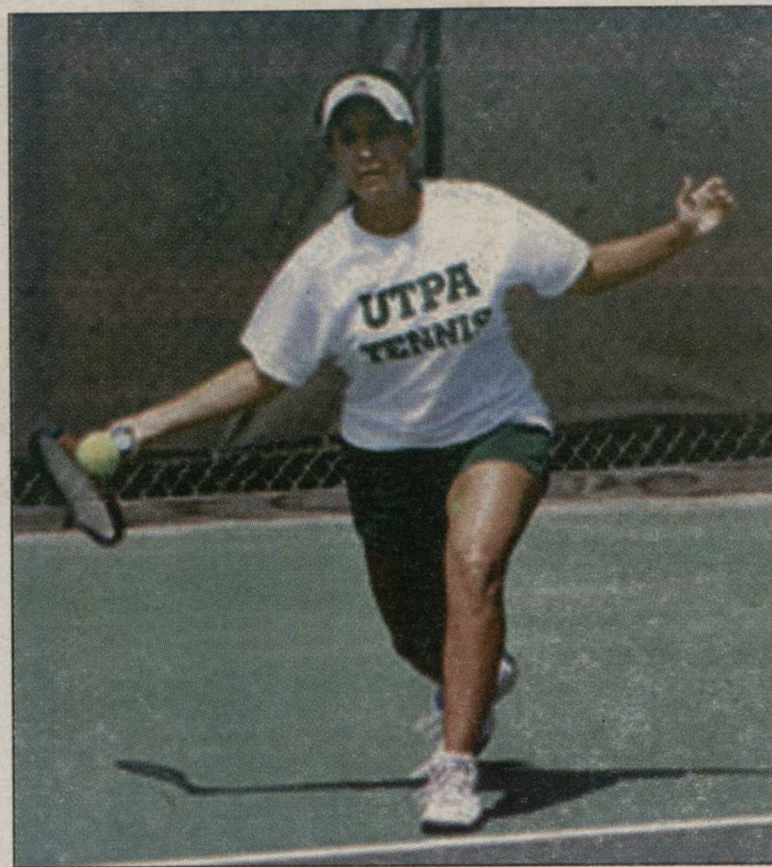
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3/6	Laredo CC	UTPA
3/9-11	HEB Classic	Corpus Christi
3/23	Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.
3/23	Marquette	Memphis, Tenn.
3/24	UT-Martin	Martin, Tenn.

Freshman Tom Mangelschots, junior Kareem Abdullah and Saiz all continued to play well for the Broncs, winning all of their doubles and singles matches over the weekend.

The Lady Broncs were unable to match the Broncs' success after going nearly two weeks between events. After stumbling 6-2 against Incarnate Word,

"They're pretty strong," Howard said. "Their men's team is ranked third in the country among junior colleges. Their women's team matches up well with us, and the match should be a toss-up."

The women lead off the competition at 3 p.m. and the men begin their competition an hour later.



-Bernie Saenz

Mireya Villareal reaches for a forehand during practice.

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## Lady Broncs fill large gaps in volleyball roster

**By Isaac Chavarria**  
The Pan American

Still far away from their upcoming season, head volleyball coach Dave Thorn has begun to make preparations.

The most recent event was walk-on tryouts, beginning with six participants on Thursday. Half of those were invited back Friday for further skills tests. Two walk-ons were asked to join the team.

Already on the team is Jena Rae Rosales, who had earlier tryouts to secure a spot on the roster. Last year, Rosales was the only walk-on to make the team. Rosales played in 11 matches last year, primarily as a setter and defensive specialist.

Walk-ons are just part of the process for refilling roster spots on the team. One of the most important alternatives is recruiting. Thorn has already signed

Nipomo, Calif., native Sandra Darway to a national letter of intent to join the Lady Broncs for the 2001-02 academic year. Darway is a 5 foot 11 inch outside hitter/setter that averaged five kills, five assists, two blocks and two aces per game for Arroyo last season.

"She's a player who should definitely help us out a lot. [She's] a good ball control player and powerful hitter," Thorn said.

Last years recruits proved valuable when returnees Misty Cook, Debbie Puente, and Rosie Treviño Ramos' suffered injuries.

Newcomers combined for 92 starts, with Mindy Hubik having the most with 30.

Part of this group scrimmaged with walk-on participants in the first day of tryouts.

To keep in shape, the

Lady Broncs have been lifting weights and running since January.

"The team seemed really excited to actually get out on the court and play," Thorn said.

The Lady Broncs are limited by NCAA rules as to the amount of time the team can practice.

"Most of the time during spring is conditioning work. We get a brief period, starting now, that we can work with them on the court and take them to competitions," Thorn said.

UTPA will participate in two practice matches before the end of the month.

During spring break, the team will travel to Monterrey, Mexico and participate in a tournament against Monterrey Tech, Saltillo, and the Mexican junior national team. In the second practice match the Lady Broncs will play at UTSA.